Hoekstra

Coble

Cole (OK)

Mollohan

Moore (KS)

Moore (WI)

Moran (VA)

Murtha

Kind	Nadler	Sherman
Kucinich	Oberstar	Skelton
Langevin	Obey	Slaughter
Lantos	Olver	Smith (WA)
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Snyder
Larson (CT)	Owens	Solis
Lee	Pallone	Spratt
Levin	Pascrell	Stark
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Strickland
Lipinski	Payne	Stupak
Lofgren, Zoe	Pelosi	Tanner
Lowey	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Lynch	Pomeroy	Taylor (MS)
Maloney	Price (NC)	Thompson (CA
Marshall	Rahall	Thompson (MS
Matheson	Rangel	Tiernev
McCarthy	Reyes	Towns
McCollum (MN)	Ross	Udall (CO)
McDermott	Rothman	Udall (NM)
McIntyre	Roybal-Allard	Van Hollen
McKinney	Ruppersberger	Van Honen Velázquez
McNulty	Rush	Verazquez Visclosky
Meehan	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Meek (FL)	Sabo	Schultz
Melancon	Salazar	Waters
Menendez	Sánchez, Linda	
Michaud	T.	Watson
Miller (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta	Watt
Miller, George	Schakowsky	Waxman

NOT VOTING-15

Schwartz (PA)

Scott (GA)

Scott (VA)

Serrano

Weiner

Wexler

Wu

Wynn

Woolsey

Capuano Harris Napolitano Carson Markey Neal (MA) Cleaver McGovern Ramstad Ferguson Meeks (NY) Sanders Millender-Foley McDonald Gillmor

Schiff

□ 1545

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Messrs. BECERRA. CHANDLER, RUPPERSBERGER and TAYLOR of Mississippi changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on the previous vote which was rollcall no. 42, I inadvertently voted "ves." I want the record to reflect that I meant to vote "no."

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 1 minute.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF FORMER COLLEAGUE TILLIE FOWLER

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to inform the House that our good friend and our distinguished former colleague from Florida, Tillie Fowler, passed away today at 10:30 a.m. Tillie epitomized the very meaning of class, and she was the Southern lady in this House. She was a rare find, an example to all Members of Congress in her patriotism and her bipartisanship, and to women everywhere in her ability to attain the highest levels of power while always putting her family first. Our prayers are with Tillie's family during this difficult time, and we will all miss her greatly.

Her loved ones should know that Tillie left them, our country, and all who had the good fortune to know her a wonderful and lasting legacy.

And, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW) for a further announcement.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. Tillie had an awful lot of friends in this Chamber. And for those of you that will not be able to go to Jacksonville for the funeral service on Friday, next Tuesday night we have reserved a time of Special Order to celebrate her life and her service. And so if you would like to be part of that celebration, if you would please contact my office.

Tillie was a remarkable woman. She was a rare combination of passionate drive and dedication coupled with just a warm and caring feeling for all the people around her, and she will be missed by not only her family, but her friends in this Chamber, by the people of Florida, as well as the people of this Nation whom she so proudly served. So I am sure you all join as we send our thoughts and prayers to her husband Buck, and her two daughters in this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the previous order by unanimous consent of earlier today, this next question will be a 5-minute vote.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CODE OF CONDUCT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 912.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 912, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 43]

YEAS-416

Bilirakis Brown, Corrine Abercrombie Ackerman Bishop (GA) Brown-Waite. Aderholt Bishop (NY) Ginny Akin Bishop (UT) Burgess Burton (IN) Alexander Blackburn Andrews Blumenauer Butterfield Blunt Buyer Boehlert Bachus Calvert Boehner Camp Baird Bonilla Baker Cannon Baldwin Bonner Cantor Barrett (SC) Bono Capito Capps Barrow Boozman Bartlett (MD) Boren Cardin Boswell Barton (TX) Cardoza BoucherCarnahan Bass Bean Boustany Carter Beauprez Boyd Case Becerra Bradley (NH) Castle Brady (PA) Berkley Chabot Brady (TX) Berman Chandler Berry Brown (OH) Chocola Biggert Brown (SC) Clay

Conaway Conyers Cooper Costa Costello Cox Cramer Crenshaw Crowlev Cubin Culberson Cummings Cunningham Davis (AL) Davis (CA) Davis (IL) Davis (KY) Davis (TN) Davis, Jo Ann Davis Tom Deal (GA) DeFazio DeGette Delahunt DeLauro DeLav Dent Diaz-Balart, L Diaz-Balart, M. Dingell Doggett Doolittle Doyle Drake Dreier Duncan Edwards Ehlers Emanuel Emerson Engel English (PA) Eshoo Etheridge Evans Everett Farr Fattah Lee Feenev Filner Fitzpatrick (PA) Forbes Ford Fortenberry Fossella. Foxx Frank (MA) Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Gerlach Gibbons Gilchrest Gingrey Gohmert Gonzalez Goode Goodlatte Gordon Granger Graves Green (WI) Green, Al Green Gene Grijalva Gutierrez Gutknecht Hall Harman Hart Hastings (FL) Hastings (WA) Haves Hayworth Hefley Hensarling Herger Herseth

Higgins

Hinchey

Hinojosa

Hobson

Mollohan

Moore (KS)

Moore (WI)

Moran (KS)

Smith (TX)

Snyder

Sodrel

Smith (WA)

Moran (VA) Holden Murphy Holt Murtha Honda Musgrave Myrick Hooley Nadler Hostettler Hover Neal (MA) Hulshof Neugebauer Hunter Ney Northup Hvde Inglis (SC) Norwood Inslee Nunes Israel Nussle Oberstar Istook Obey Jackson (IL) Olver Jackson-Lee Ortiz (TX) Osborne Jefferson Otter Jenkins Owens Jindal Oxlev Johnson (CT) Pallone Johnson (IL) Pascrell Johnson, E. B. Pastor Johnson, Sam Paul Jones (NC) Payne Jones (OH) Pearce Kanjorski Pelosi Kaptur Pence Peterson (MN) Keller Kelly Peterson (PA) Kennedy (MN) Petri Kennedy (RI) Pickering Kildee Pitts Kilpatrick (MI) Platts Poe Kind King (IA) Pombo King (NY) Pomeroy Porter Kingston Portman Kline Price (GA) Kolbe Price (NC) Kucinich Pryce (OH) Kuhl (NY) Putnam Radanovich LaHood Langevin Rahall Lantos Ramstad Larsen (WA) Rangel Larson (CT) Regula Latham Rehberg LaTourette Reichert Leach Renzi Reves Levin Reynolds Lewis (CA) Rogers (AL) Lewis (GA) Rogers (KY) Lewis (KY) Rogers (MI) Linder Rohrabacher Lipinski Ros-Lehtinen LoBiondo Lofgren, Zoe Rothman Rovbal-Allard Lowey Lucas Royce Ruppersberger Lungren, Daniel Ε. Rush Lynch Ryan (OH) Mack Ryan (WI) Maloney Rvun (KS) Manzullo Sabo Marchant Salazar Marshall Sánchez, Linda Matheson Sanchez, Loretta McCarthy McCaul (TX) Saxton McCotter Schakowsky McCrery Schiff McDermott Schwartz (PA) McHenry Schwarz (MI) McHugh Scott (GA) McIntyre Scott (VA) Sensenbrenner McKeon McKinney Serrano McMorris Sessions McNulty Shadegg Shaw Meehan Meek (FL) Shays Melancon Sherman Menendez Sherwood Mica Shimkus Michaud Shuster Miller (FL) Simmons Miller (MI) Simpson Miller (NC) Skelton Miller, Gary Slaughter Miller, George Smith (NJ)

Solis Tiahrt Waxman Souder Tiberi Weiner Spratt Tiernev Weldon (FL) Stark Towns Weldon (PA) Stearns Turner Weller Strickland Hdall (CO) Westmoreland Stupak Udall (NM) Wexler Sullivan Upton Whitfield Sweenev Van Hollen Wicker Wilson (NM) Tancredo Velázquez Tanner Visclosky Wilson (SC) Tauscher Walden (OR) Wolf Taylor (MS) Walsh Woolsey Taylor (NC) Wamp Wu Terry Wasserman Schultz Wynn Thomas Thompson (CA) Waters Young (AK) Thompson (MS) Watson Young (FL) Thornberry Watt

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

NOT VOTING-16

Allen Foley Meeks (NY) Capuano Gillmor Millender-Carson Harris McDonald Knollenberg Cleaver Napolitano Davis (FL) Markey Sanders McGovern Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall votes 42 and 43. If I were present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 42 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 43.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 27.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 126 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 27.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 27) to enhance the workforce investment sys-

tem of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes, with Mr. Terry in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN Pursuant to the

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, as we stand here today we continue to see significant progress toward greater economic opportunity and prosperity across the country. More than 2.7 million new jobs have been created over the last 17 months, and the unemployment rate has fallen to 5.2 percent, the lowest level since September 2001. Our economy is strong and it is getting stronger.

The backbone of a strong economy is a well-trained and highly skilled workforce, and it is absolutely critical for workers to have the education and skills necessary to adapt to new opportunities and to move into higher wages.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan agreed with this view when he testified before the Committee on Education and the Workforce last year. The chairman said, "We need to increase our efforts to ensure that as many of our citizens as possible have the opportunity to capture the benefits of the changing economy. One critical element in creating that opportunity is the provision of rigorous education and ongoing training to all members of our society."

Chairman Greenspan this morning testified before Congress and talked about the need to do a better job with our education system and better training and retraining of American workers.

The bill before us, the Job Training Improvement Act, would achieve this objective by strengthening the Nation's job training system. In 1998, Congress established a system of one-stop career centers aimed at providing one convenient central location to offer job training and related employment services. While these reforms have been generally successful, the Workforce Investment Act system is still hampered by bureaucracy and duplication that prevents it from being as effective as it could be for workers and their families.

Our bill includes a number of reforms aimed at strengthening our job training system and better engaging the business community to improve job training services.

Our bill includes a number of reforms. First, requiring State and local workforce investment boards to ensure the job training programs reflect the employment needs in local areas. Secondly, allowing training for currently employed workers so employees can upgrade their skills and avoid layoffs. Third, encouraging the highest caliber providers, including community colleges, to offer training through the one-stop system, and leveraging other public and private resources to increase training and opportunities.

The bill also includes other important reforms. First, it consolidates the three adult WIA training programs, giving States and local communities greater flexibility and enabling more job seekers to be served with no reduction in services.

□ 1600

In addition, it targets 70 percent of the youth grant funds to out-of-school youth, an underserved population that faces significant challenges in finding meaningful employment.

The bill includes a proposal passed by the House last year introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) to create personal reemployment accounts of up to \$3,000 to help unemployed Americans purchase job training and other employment-related services, such as child care, transportation services and housing assistance, giving them the flexibility they need in order to gain meaningful employment. In addition, it includes the President's community college proposal strengthen the partnership between local businesses, community colleges, and the local one-stop delivery system.

Later today, we will consider an amendment from my colleague from Virginia to strip the faith-based provisions from this bill, an amendment that would deny faith-based providers their rights under the historic 1964 Civil Rights Act. When we considered this bill in committee, we twice rejected it on a bipartisan basis, and I urge all Members to vote against it today. The 1964 Civil Rights Act made clear that when faith-based groups hire employees on a religious basis, it can exercise the group's civil rights liberties and not discriminate under Federal law. In 1987, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld this right.

As my colleagues can see from the chart that I have next to me, former President Bill Clinton signed four laws allowing faith-based groups to staff on a religious basis when they receive those Federal funds. Those four laws are the 1996 welfare reform law; the 1998 Community Services Block Grant Act; the 2000 Community Renewal Tax Relief Act; and the 2000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Act, all allowing faith-based providers to preserve their rights under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Our Nation's faith-based institutions have a proven track record in meeting the training and counseling needs of